

As an Electrical Engineer, shortwave radio listener, ham radio operator, and concerned citizen of the USA I strongly object to the proposed BPL plan. The broadband interference to all communications from 1.8 to 80 MHz wipes out many civilian, emergency and military radio services. Amateur radio's long history of public benefit is jeopardized by the adoption of BPL. At the very least, notching out shortwave radio and amateur radio frequencies from this system should be implemented. Other existing high speed data access systems exist, including DSL, Cable Modem, and satellite systems. Shared 802.11B and 802.11G access points can provide wireless high speed data access to areas inexpensively. Please view the ARRL video prepared by Ed Hare showing the devastating impact of BPL in the trial/test areas on all HF frequencies. It was with sound reason that Japan rejected BPL, and the United States should also reject this unsound and unnecessary technology.

Sincerely,

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